| FORM PTO-1390 (REV 01-2003) | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 038665.55869US |
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| **TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) **10/522630** |

| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2004/005174 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 9 December 2004 (9.12.2004) | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 18 December 2003 (18.12.2003) 18 December 2003 (18.12.2003) |
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TITLE OF INVENTION
**TOWING PINTLE ASSEMBLY**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371

3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
    a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
    b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
    c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)

6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
    a. ☐ is attached herewith.
    b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 USC 154(d)(4).

7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
    a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
    b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
    c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
    d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.

8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))

10. ☐ An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Item 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.

14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

15. ☐ A substitute specification.

16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.

18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).

19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)

20. ☒ Other items or information:
    a. European and British Search Reports
    b. Submission of Five (5) sheets of **Formal** Drawings showing Figures 1-10
    c.

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**21. The following fees are submitted:**

|  | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
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|  | $ |  |
| ☒ a) Basic national fee.............................................................................. $300.00 |  |  |
| ☒ b) Examination fee............................................................................... $200.00 |  |  |
| ☒ c) Search fee........................................................................................$500.00 |  |  |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = $1000.00 | $1,000.00 |  |

Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is $250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.

| Total Sheets | Extra sheets | Number of each add'l 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE |  |  |
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| 14- 100 = | /50 = |  | x $250.00 | $ |  |

| Surcharge of $130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | $ |  |
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| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate |  |  |
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| Total Claims | 10 - 20 = | 0 | X $50.00 | $ |  |
| Independent Claims | 1- 3 = | 0 | X $200.00 | $ |  |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) |  |  | + $360.00 | $ |  |

| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | $ |  |
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| ☐ Applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. | $ |  |
| SUBTOTAL = | $1,000.00 |  |

| Processing fee of $130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | $ |  |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | $1,000.00 |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). $40.00 per property + | $ 40.00 |  |
| TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED = | $1,040.00 |  |
|  | Amount to be: refunded | $ |
|  | Charged | $ |

| a. ☒ | A check in the amount of $__1,040.00__ for the above fees is enclosed |
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| b. ☐ | Please charge my Deposit Account No. _05-1323_ (Attorney Docket No. ==) in the amount of $_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| c. ☒ | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No._05-1323_. **(ATTY DOCKET NO. 038665.55869US.)** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| d. ☐ | Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card information should not be included on this form.** Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: |  |
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